has been allotted to state of Andhra Pradesh for development and maintenance of National Highways. Some Rest Houses along the National Highways are being maintained from Maintenance Fund for the use of Inspecting Officers. However, there is no scheme apart from above for improving the position of Guest Houses.

Land Acquired by Army in Tripura

5765. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total area of land acquired by the army in Tripura so far;

(b) whether the compensation has been paid to the owners;

(c) if so, whether the Government have any plans to raise the army strength to the Brigade level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) An area measuring 1782.135 acres of land has been acquired by the Amry in Tripura so far.

(b) Compensation as awarded/assessed by Collector has been paid to land owners or deposited in the Court while preferring appeal.

(c) and (d) There is key Location Plan for one Artillery Brigade in Tripura, There are no plans for locating any additional forces permanently in Tripura at present.

Maintenance of Parts of National Highways

5766. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are responsible for the development and maintenance of parts of National Highways falling in Urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) Consequent upon the Amendment of National Highways Act, 1956 in January, 1997, the Central Government is responsible for the development and maintenance of parts of National Highways falling in urban areas, as in the case of National Highways proper.

(c) Does not arise.

Externally and Internally Aided Projects in Karnataka

5767. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR :
SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the irrigation projects funded by external and internal resources and also by World Bank in Karnataka during 1996-97 upto March 31,1997;

(b) the schemes and programmes drawn up for completion of the above projects and taking up the new irrigation projects during the above period;

(c) whether priority has been accorded by thee Government of Karnataka to include more number of medium and minor irrigation projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the financial help to be given to the State for the above projects in 1997-98 ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) In Karnataka during 1996-97 upto 31st March, 1997 following externally projects in irrigation sector were under implementation :-

S.No.	Name of Project	Donor Agency	Date of Agreement	Terminal Date of Disbursement	Amount of Assistance (Donor's Currency in Million)	Terminal Utilisation as on 31.3.1997.
1.	Upper Krishna Irrigation Project Phase-II	The World Bank	16.6.89	31.12.96	169.208 US$	167.498 US$
2.	Hydrology Project	The World Bank	02.9.95	31.2.2002	142.00 US$	5.612 US$
3.	Tungabhadra Irrigation Pilot Project (Phase-II)	The Netherlands	31.8.95	31.2.98 (30 months)	5.00 Dfl	0.000 Dfl